Communication Package
to Support BSM
Communiqué # 6

BSM Release Strategy Update

August 2003

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On July 17, 2003, DLA Leadership approved an updated roll out strategy for the remainder of the BSM program. This strategy maintains the January 2006 program completion date but includes changes in the sequence of releases and more detail regarding future milestones.

Approved Release Strategy

Release 1.2

In March, 2004, Release 1.2 will add select Clothing and Textile (C&T) items to Concept demo, … including Tents, Accessories, and Flags & Insignias. , …four months earlier than originally scheduled. Remaining C&T items will be included in later releases. Also in March 2004, the DPACS procurement tool will be retrofitted to the Concept Demo population, replacing PD2.

Release 1.1 (Battle Dress Uniforms and the remainder of Subsistence items) and Release 1.2, will add over 75,000 items, 400 users and an eight-fold revenue increase to Concept Demo.

Release 2

Release 2.0 is scheduled for July, 2004. It will provide added functionality to all Concept Demo users. Beginning in November 2004, we will bring additional items and users into BSM during regularly sequenced rollouts.

Future Releases

Release 2.1 and Release 2.2 will bring additional functionality to BSM in January 2005 and July 2005 respectively. These releases allow us to minimize overlap of the Design, Building, Testing, and Training Development phase of each Release, and ensures adequate time to prepare new users to operate successfully in the new BSM environment.

Thank you for your continued commitment to BSM. We recognize the vital role our workforce has played in the success of BSM

Release Nomenclature

— *Release* —	— *Description* —
Release 1.0	Initial Concept Demo
Release 1.1	Expanded Concept Demo: BDU and DISMS
Release 1.2	Expanded Concept Demo: Selected C&T
Release 2.0	Approved Blueprint – R2 Functionality
Release 2.1	Approved Blueprint – Additional Functionality
Release 2.2	Approved Blueprint – Additional Functionality

Questions and Answers

Q. Which C&T items will be added to BSM by March?

A. Tents, Accessories, & Flags and Insignias will be added. This represents an additional 50 users, 6190 items, and $283 Million in Revenue.

Q. Is this a slippage in the schedule?

A. No. We still intend to meet our scheduled completion date of January 2006. However, the Partner's group has decided to rearrange the sequence of events between now and January 2006 to leverage lessons learned from Concept Demo.

Q. When will BSM be rolled out to new users, beyond the Concept Demo population?

A. The first rollout of Release 2 is scheduled for November, 2004. The specific rollout schedule beyond November is currently being determined.

Q. What is the plan for the procurement tool, PD2?

A. As of March 2004, new procurements will be initiated using the DPACS tool. The complete plan for transitioning between PD2 and DPACS will be finalized in the near future. More details to follow.

Q. Where can I go with further questions?

A. Please contact your Supervisor with further questions, or you can submit a question through the BSM website at https://bsm.hq.dla.mil/members/contact.htm

Baseline Milestones

Milestones	Delivery Dates
Retrofit DPACS to Concept Demo	Mar 04
R2.0 Retrofit to Concept Demo Population	Jul 04
Stabilization and IOT&E	Aug 04-Oct 04
Begin R 1.2 (Selected C&T) Rollout	Mar 04
Begin R 2.0 Rollout	Nov 04
BSM Rollout Complete	2nd Qtr FY 06

Nov '03 – Jan '04	Feb. 2004	March 2004	April 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004

Mar 04 Strategy

R1.1 (DPACS) Deploy

Retrofit DPACS to Concept Demo

R1.2 (Selected C&T) D/B/T/T

Deploy R1.2 (Selected C&T)

R2 Retrofit to Concept Demo

R2.0 (Day 1/ L90) D/B/T/T

IOT & E

R2.0 Rollout

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